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TO DEPLOYMENT

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11. (C) SUMMARY: The Indonesian government tells us that it remains firmly committed to the deployment of peacekeeping police to Darfur. That said, recent attacks on UNAMID forces and the indictment of Sudanese President Bashir by an International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor are weighing on the GOI as it makes plans to move forward. Logistics are also an issue--while equipment and supplies for the team have arrived at Port Sudan, they need to be moved to a support camp, which will take time. If all goes smoothly, it is estimated that the unit will arrive in Darfur in late September at the earliest. END SUMMARY.

GOI COMMITTED TO SENDING POLICE

12. (C) The GOI is still on board for its long-planned deployment of police to Darfur. On July 14, Tri Sukma Djandam of the President's Office of International Affairs told Pol/C that the Indonesian government was committed to sending the unit to Darfur as soon as possible. He related that Indonesia placed a high priority on international peacekeeping and would keep its commitment to UNAMID (United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur). Echoing these comments, Fikry Cassidy, Deputy Director for International Security at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU), told poloff on July 16 that the GOI still plans to deploy the 140 member Formed Police Unit (FPU) as soon as it possibly can.

THERE ARE CONCERNS

13. (C) The unit is now scheduled to depart Indonesia in late September or early October, but several hurdles remain before a final decision is made on when to go. Cassidy noted that the Indonesian National Police (INP) and GOI officials are

carefully monitoring the situation in Darfur after recent deadly attacks on UNAMID forces. The Indonesian government is also concerned that the recent indictment by an ICC prosecutor of Sudanese President Bashir may have negative consequences on the unit's ability to deploy and carry out its intended peacekeeping mission in the region.

14. (C) Cassidy said the FPU's equipment and supplies have already arrived at Port Sudan (located on the Red Sea), but that overland transport from Port Sudan to Darfur would take three months. Equipment and supplies and a functioning base camp have to be in place before the FPU can depart. The Turkish contractors hired to build the base camp have received their visas for their work in Sudan, but are still waiting for work permits from the Sudanese government. The ICC indictment of Sudanese President Bashir may make obtaining the required work permits difficult.

15. (C) Cassidy said the GOI will continue to review the situation, and take necessary action based on the security situation in Darfur and the response of the Sudanese government to the latest developments. Cassidy added that he would inform us of any new developments regarding the FPU's deployment.

#### A LONG-AWAITED DEPLOYMENT

16. (SBU) The deployment to Darfur has been bedeviled by delays, almost all of them connected to the difficulties of the regional situation. The delays included:

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-- The GOI had planned to send the first tranche of police to Darfur in October 2007. That plan was delayed when African Union troops were ambushed in late September.

-- After an inter-agency review of the situation in the region sparked by violence there, Indonesian President, Yudhoyono signed a Presidential Decree on February 6, 2008, giving permission for the police team to deploy in March.

-- GOI budgetary constraints then delayed the deployment to late May. The May deployment was delayed when visas for the unit were not granted by the Sudanese government until June.

-- When the GOI learned that the transit time for equipment and supplies to reach Darfur from Port Sudan was approximately three months, it pushed the personnel transit date back to September.

#### INDONESIA STILL ON BOARD, BUT WILL MONITOR

17. (C) There is little doubt that Indonesia wants to help, as it has helped with respect to peacekeeping in Lebanon. As noted, the team's equipment/supplies are already in Sudan, a concrete indication that the GOI is following up. That said, the regional complexities are clearly proving problematic for the Indonesians. Our guess is that the Indonesian government will continue to monitor the situation very closely, even as it plans the transit of police to the region.

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